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Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ Arising out of the answer to clause (a), may I ask whether any representations have been made to the Director of Public Instruction? The question is ‘whether representations have been made to the Director of Public Instruction or the Government’ and the answer is ‘the Government have not received any representation’. I want to know whether the Director of Public Instruction has received any.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ No intimation is available now.”

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Alleged faction in the Union Board of Arni.

* 92 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a serious faction among the members of the Union Board of Arni in North Arcot district;

(b) whether the working of the union is rendered difficult and inefficient owing to such factions; and

(c) whether Government have inquired into the matter?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have made enquiries and understand that there is no serious faction.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ Are the Government aware that week after week most serious allegations are made against the management of the union board in the vernacular paper?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The Government have made enquiries and as a result of the enquiries I am in a position to state that there is no such thing.”

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—“ May I know, if the Government understand the question that it will involve the question of the abolition of the board?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Yes, may be so.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ May I explain my question? Week after week serious allegations are made against the management of the board. It is not my intention to suggest the abolition of the board. What I wanted was that the Government may publish the report so that people may know the correct state of things.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ May I say, Sir, that allegations are sometimes made without any foundation for them? An inquiry has been made and as a result of the inquiry we learn that there has been no such thing. May I ask the hon. Member if he is prepared to vouch for the truth of those allegations?”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ I would be glad if a report is published.”